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Marginal Column

By John F. Reynolds

AT first there were doubts in London, but now it has been accepted as a fact that the United States has already produced and successfully tried the first experimental hydrogen bomb. It was a small bomb and it was exploded in the New Mexican desert. When, next spring, the Americans test their latest atomic weapons in the area of Eniwetok Island, a new and more powerful hydrogen bomb will also be exploded. A special security force under the command of Brig.-Gen. Arthur Walk has already been transferred to the island and is now undergoing stiff training. If the new test is successful, H-Bomb production will start in the autumn, when the new du Pont factory, specially designed for this purpose and already under construction, will be ready.

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THE explosive and destructive power of a hydrogen bomb is about seven times that of a conventional atomic bomb. But while there is a limit to the size of an atomic bomb, which, if exceeding this limit, explodes automatically, there is no limit whatever to the size of a hydrogen bomb. Thus, it would be possible to produce a hydrogen bomb 1,000 or 2,000 times more powerful than the atomic bomb.

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U.S. intelligence top officials are distinctly alarmed over reports that the Soviet Navy is experimenting with atomic bombs which can be exploded by remote control. If such bombs are smuggled into other countries before the outbreak of hostilities, they can later be exploded from ships hundreds of miles away. The other day, a high naval officer of the Soviet Admiralty, slightly drunk in Moscow, boasted "It will take them two months to bury their dead."

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THERE is evidence that a new agreement supplementing the Soviet-Sino Mutual Assistance Pact of last year was recently signed in Peking, probably early in January. Under the terms of the new agreement the Soviet Union undertakes to equip completely 15 Chinese armies. An "army" in China is usually composed of four to six divisions at 8,000 men each. In return, China agrees to equip and train Viet Minh forces.

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GENERAL Franco has no intention of joining the Atlantic Pact, even if invited, because he does not believe in it. He would, however, consider an alliance with the United States and Britain on condition that the Americans extend their military aid programme to Spain. One of his reasons is his ever-present fear of the anti-Franco Spanish emigrés in neighbouring France where they are still actively engaged in plotting against the present regime.

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BY a majority of one vote the French Cabinet has decided to release Marshal Pétain from prison in April. Pétain, now 94, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1945. The decision will be announced at the beginning of March.

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THE City of London is getting back into its own as money lender to foreign governments. Already the Norwegian Government has made an approach, other Scandinavian countries are likely to follow. The British Treasury, which has the last word on any question of a foreign loan, will raise no objections.

London, February 4.

League to Study Resettlement

CAIRO, Saturday. — The Arab States today decided to consider the permanent settlement in various Arab territories of about 700,000 Palestine Arab refugees, "as a matter of urgency." Their claim for eventual repatriation would not be abandoned, however. Six of the seven League states signed a joint defence pact. Jordan refused to sign, declaring that the states should help each other only when attacked from outside.

It is known that a committee of Palestine refugees in the Lebanon has sent a letter to the League stating that repatriation was unlikely in the near future, and "might take a decade." Declaring that the refugees had been "left to rot in the countryside," the committee therefore suggests that Arab states should provide at least those willing to settle outside Palestine with an opoprtunity to do so.

Prospects of the Arab League encouraging resettlement are stronger than in the past. Egypt has already made a start with a scheme to resettle 20,000 refugees on land in the Gaza area.

The Egyptian Government will allocate IE.150,000 for this and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency will grant $3m. to buy tools.

Jordan was expected to ask the League for a substantial contribution for settling some of her half million refugees. The Cairo Press refers to proposals for taking some Palestinians into Arab states armies and of asking Iraq to accept permanent settlers in place of Jews who have emigrated to Israel.

Need for Cooperation

Arab statesmen have in mind the fact that the present relief has only six months more to run, and although they do not fear that the world would in normal circumstances allow Arab refugees to starve, they wonder what would happen if war dried up relief at its sources.

The Political Committee is continuing its sessions without the Jordan and Iraqi delegates, who have already returned to their respective capitals.

The Political Committee also discussed frozen Arab assets in Egypt and Britain, and urged that they be released. It was stated that frozen credits in Israel totalled £6m.

The League severely criticised the Sudan for "violating the League's economic boycott on Israel." Sudan, it asserted, had allowed trade and air transport with Israel to be set up "against the will of the Sudanese people."

It was also decided to boycott the forthcoming conference at Teheran of the International Labour Organization because Israel has been invited.

In a lengthy statement after last night's session, the Committee affirmed the Arab states' faith in the principles of the U.N., but stated that "big powers persist in adopting a policy of interfering in the affairs of smaller nations." There could hardly be any need to point out that "the Arab states cannot undertake their international obligations unless their national aspirations and unsettled claims are satisfied," the statement added.

The League's Council, which also met last night, approved the Political Committee's recommendation that the Arab States accept U.S. Point Four aid. It referred to a special committee the proposal, put forward by Syria's Premier, Fawzi el Kudet, to group the seven League members into a unified federal or confederate state. A committee, headed by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, is to report on the motion by the middle of June.

Ahmad Shukeiri, former Arab lawyer in Acre and hitherto the League's legal adviser, has been appointed Deputy Secretary General of the League, according to the Near East Broadcasting Service. (Reuter, UP)

U.S. Arms for Arabs

The State Department has informed the Arab delegates at Lake Success that the U.S. is ready to supply their countries with small arms on condition that they are used for internal security only, according to ANA.

Heavy arms would be supplied after assurances have been received that the Arab states "are ready to defend the Middle East against Communist aggression," the report added.

P.C.C. to Open J'lem Office for Refugees

The questions of Arab-Jewish compensation and blocked refugee accounts were discussed at a meeting of the Palestine Conciliation Commission in Jerusalem on Friday. An office is expected to be opened in Jerusalem and a Director appointed in about a fortnight.

The Arabs should wage war on Israel to enforce their demands for compensation to refugees, or the Western powers should force Israel to settle the matter in the "proper way" as the price of Arab support, "El Urdun" said in commenting upon the recent Knesset statement of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, on compensation.

The Jordan delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission last week asked the M.A.C. chairman, Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, to intervene with Israel for the return of the records of the Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa branches of the former Arab Bank, according to "A-Diffa."

M. Claude de Boisanger, Dr. Rustu Aras and Mr. Ely Palmer, Commission members, attended a reception given for Mr. Geoffrey Warran Furlonge, Director of the Middle East Department of the British Foreign Office, by the British Consul-General and Lady Dow at their Old City residence on Friday night. Mr. Furlonge was received by King Abdullah yesterday morning.

Mr. Palmer, Mr. James Barko, U.S. Deputy member of the P.C.C., and Dr. Pablo Azcarate, Secretary of the Commission, were received by Dr. Biran, the Jerusalem District Representative on Friday.

Atom Snow Falls With 4th Blast

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, (Saturday. — While radioactive snowfalls were reported from various parts of the U.S., the fourth atomic explosion within a week rocked Las Vegas with the force of an earthquake yesterday morning.

Residents said it appeared to be the heaviest of the four felt here in the past week from experiments at a new government atomic range in the desert to the north-west.

It took the concussion six minutes to reach here, and the flash was seen in Los Angeles, 300 miles away.

The fall of radioactive snow and dust was today reported from nine cities in the U.S. and Canada, which scientists say was a result of the Las Vegas tests during the past week. However, there was not enough radioactivity to harm animals or persons. Canadian scientists expected the radioactivity to last for about a week.

(Reuter, UP)

NEGROES DIE FOR RAPE

RICHMOND, Va., Saturday (Reuter). — The largest mass execution in Virginia took place here yesterday, when four Negroes died in the electric chair. They were sentenced to death with three other Negroes in May, 1949, in Martinsville circuit court, for raping a 32-year-old white woman. They all signed confessions. The remaining three Negroes are due to be executed on Monday.

Six hours before the execution, the Supreme Court had refused a stay-of execution of the Negroes after a dramatic midnight conference in Washington between the Negroes' attorneys and Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson.

WORK TO BEGIN ON KISHON DRY-DOCK; WILL REPAIR 10,000-TON SHIPS

HAIFA, Saturday. — The IL.2m. necessary to build it will be advanced in foreign currency credit from Holland, the Minister said.

The Kishon project envisages the broadening and deepening of the estuary for a 3.5 km. stretch and the digging of seven side-channels, branching off from the main canal. They will give access to vessels up to 1,000 tons, and with suitable bridge construction, up to 2,000 tons. He hoped that work on the scheme would begin in March.

The British Treasury has agreed to extend credit for the building of a 10,000-ton luxury liner, and the Government is now studying methods for execution of the plan. The Government was also endeavouring to buy four more freighters.

The Minister also announced that additional anchoring space and a central building for passenger traffic would be provided at a total cost of IL.1.5m.

A new dry-dock for Haifa will be built near the projected lighter and free port area in the Kishon estuary, enabling the port to repair ships up to 10,000 tons and to earn foreign currency, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Communications, told the Haifa Maritime Club here yesterday.

Its location behind the new lighter harbour breakwater had been decided on at the advice of a harbour construction expert from Britain. The work will be undertaken by Dutch and local companies.

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Lilienthal on Way To India, to Visit Egypt

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — David H. Lilienthal, former Chairman of the American Atomic Commission, left here today by air for Paris on his way to India.

At the request of Prime Minister Nehru, he will study problems connected with India's rivers and will presumably look into the possibility of developing various Indian rivers along the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority of which he was chairman before he took the atomic energy post. He said he would also visit Egypt for an inspection of the Nile.

$750m. Deficit For Absorption

TEL AVIV, Saturday. (ITIM) —Only half the sum needed to absorb the $10,000 immigrants who arrived in the past two and half years is available, Mr. Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said yesterday at the Commercial and Industrial Club. Pointing out that $2,500 was needed to absorb each new immigrant, he said that there was now a $750m. deficit.

Truman Asks Tax Increase Of $10,000m.

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Truman yesterday asked Congress for an immediate $10,000m. increase in taxes and said he would ask for still another increase later. In a message to Congress, he set out this programme for raising the funds:

1. A $4,600m. increase in individual income taxes, already due to yield a record $26,000m. in the fiscal year starting July 1.
2. A $3,000m. increase in corporation income taxes. These, with excess profit taxes included, are due to reach a record $20,000m. next year.
3. A $3,000m. increase in excise (sales) taxes — to be concentrated upon less essential consumer goods. These taxes are estimated to yield $8,222m. next year under present tax laws.

The plan outlined would mean a total tax collection of $64,200m. This is nearly one-third more than the record collections of World War II, when the figure reached $43,000m. in 1945.

The understanding among Congress members was that the increase Mr. Truman is to request later would raise government revenues to over $71,000m.

The President said in Philadelphia tonight that "there is a good reason to hope" that another world war can be avoided "if we can get over the present crisis successfully."

Under a security guard as heavy as in wartime, Mr. Truman came to Philadephia to dedicate a 600-seat chapel to four chaplains who went down with the torpedoed troopship, "Dorchester," in the second world war.

President Truman appealed for patience and leadership from the American people in dealing with allies abroad. He criticized what he called "summer soldiers and sunshine patriots" who "want to quit when things look hard."

The four chaplains to whom the chapel is dedicated were two Protestants, a Roman Catholic and a Jew. More than 10,000 persons of all faiths donated $300,000 to build it.

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Doctor to Face Court On War Crimes Charges

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Dr. Yehoshua Sternberg was yesterday committed for trial to the District Court on three charges of manslaughter and one of crime against humanity. The preliminary inquiry had been conducted by the Examining Magistrate, Mr. Zvi Waldman.

He had been charged with five counts of murder, but two were dropped and three were changed to manslaughter. The charge of a crime against humanity with respect of the beating of persons during a morning parade in a work camp was dropped, but the prisoner was committed for trial on another count for allegedly beating persons in the clinic.

Dr. Sternberg had been a doctor in the Fuenfteichen work-camp in Germany. He was defended by Mr. Max Kritzman; Mr. A. Dinari prosecuted.

U.K. Hopeful Despite China's Rejection of U.N. 'Good Offices'

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Britain will still press for the U.N. Good Offices Committee to attempt to negotiate a cease-fire in Korea despite last night's broadcast by Chou En Lai, the Chinese Premier, rejecting the proposal, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. Chou said that China would refuse to recognize the Committee in view of the American "brand China" resolution.

The spokesman said he would prefer not to comment on the broadcast until a full text had been received, but that at first glance, British officials still did not consider that it meant that no negotiations were possible. He said the Committee should get to work and that it was for them to find out finally whether China would negotiate.

The spokesman added that when China first decided to support the North Korean aggressors, it must have realized that the result might be a U.N. resolution branding her as an aggressor.

Chou En Lai declared that the U.S. resolution was adopted by the U.N. Assembly under domination and pressure of the United States.

Ignored 'People's Desire'

He said the Assembly ignored the "desire of the peace-loving people of the world." It had rejected on January 30 a 12-nation resolution and the amendments submitted by the Soviet Union, and had adopted the U.S. resolution "which slanders China as an aggressor in Korea in order that the United States may further extend its aggressive war."

He said the U.N. actions in "branding China," and setting up a "good offices" body was null and void because Chinese Communist representation had not taken part in the deliberations.

The Premier said the U.S. resolution was an "utter perversion of the truth and it confounded black and white. It was obviously the U.S. which engineered the Korean incident, intervened in and invaded Korea and intervened in and invaded Chinese Taiwan (Formosa)."

At Thursday's General Assembly meeting at Lake Success, Sir Benegal Rau of India said that he considered the Assembly to be acting beyond the powers conferred upon it by the U.N. Charter in condemning Communist China as an aggressor. In one of the most direct speeches he had made in his two-month old effort at a peaceful Korea settlement, he said: "The resolution does not seem to us quite fair in its condemnation."

He said the only article in the Charter that gives power to "determine" an act of aggression is Article 39, and it gives the power to the Security Council alone. The General Assembly could, under the Charter, only make recommendations — and even these recommendations are not binding upon members.

U.K. Railway Strike Spreads to 12 Cities

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter) — Factories turned away workers, war supplies to the Korean front were delayed, and mail and food supplies stopped moving today, as the railway workers strike spread today.

Shunters and switchmen in Detroit and Chicago began the strike on Monday in protest against the Government's wage freeze order and in defiance of court injunctions. By today, the walkouts had spread to 27 railway systems in at least 12 major cities, causing temporary unemployment to at least 150,000 workers in other industries.

9,000 Out in U.K.

In Britain, 9,000 dockers stopped work in Merseyside ports yesterday in an unofficial strike blamed on Communist agitators demanding higher pay for the workers. The stoppage followed a slowdown organized this week in Mersey shipyards where 27,000 workers have banned overtime, slowing down work on 55 ships, including two aircraft carriers. A go-slow move was also reported from many vital engineering works.

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U.S., French Troops Fling Back Chinese with Heavy Losses

TOKYO, Saturday. — U.N. troops continued their cautious advance today on a 55 km. front in Western Korea behind a steel curtain of shells, bombs and rockets. Two Chinese regiments were reported today to have fled to the north after trying to smash through north of Yoju, south-east of Seoul. They partially surrounded some U.N. units earlier, but American and French troops flung them back with "enormous Communist losses," according to frontline reports.

Chinese troops made fresh counter-attacks at several points on the western sector today, but U.N. officers said there was no real weight or determination behind them. But though massed artillery and swarms of fighter planes hammered the Chinese just behind the front-lines, the Communists were reported to be still bringing up heavy troop reinforcements and supplies from North Korea.

Reconnaissance planes reported large numbers of vehicles moving along secondary roads just north of Yoju, and big Communist transport columns have also been moving south along the main roads north of the 38th Parallel. Bombers and fighters attacked convoys by the light of flares last night.

Renewed discussion of the 38th Parallel as both a political boundary and a potential objective has surprised American officers here. Eighth Army authorities said they would not give away their strategy to the enemy by commenting on reports that they had been ordered to push to the 38th. A State Department spokesman in Washington said yesterday this question has not been considered yet, while the Foreign Office in London has indicated that a decision should be reached on the issue immediately.

There is some feeling here that a discussion of the Parallel results from a misunderstanding of the scope of the present Allied attack. At this stage, it is essentially a defensive assault designed to keep the Chinese off balance, to search out their plans and to inflict casualties. It could be successful enough to extend the U.N. defensive lines many kms. to the north, but this result is not necessarily the goal.

Calculated Risk

The Allies are taking a calculated risk in pushing to the north, and front reports have indicated an expectation that the Communists might be able and willing to hit back with a counter-attack similar in intensity to their November assault. But higher-ranking American staff officers are confident that their linked lines can beat off such an attack or at least fall back to avoid it without incurring the casualties of three months ago.

Some independent military observers suggested today that neither the U.N. nor the Communists were willing or able to commit a sufficient force in Korea to drive the other out.

More Units to Europe Now—Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower told a Congressional meeting today that the transfer of some additional U.S. units to Europe is essential.

A statement issued after a two-hour meeting with the Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees of the House of Representatives cited General Eisenhower as saying: "One unit sent soon to Europe will be the equivalent of two or three sent later because of the physical and psychological factors now involved in collective rearmament."

Later, General Eisenhower appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee and adhered to his contention that Congress ought not to limit the number of ground troops to be sent to Europe.

The General told the American people in a radio speech last night that the preservation of a free America required their participation in the defence of Western Europe. Success was attainable, he said, adding: "Given unity in spirit and action, the job can be done."

General Eisenhower said while the transfer to Europe of military units was essential, America's special contribution should be in the field of munitions and equipment. He did not believe the U.S. could support the world militarily or economically. It was in America's interest to "insist upon a working partnership."

He said the success of North Atlantic defence rested as directly upon U.S. productive, economic and military strength as it did upon any amount of military force the U.S. could develop. The people of Europe were not spiritually bankrupt "despite the validity of many pessimistic reports," the General said.

Largest Mapam Faction Asks Party to Toe Cominform Line

By Moshe Brilliant

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The degree to which Mapam will toe the Cominform line will be decided next month when an estimated 40,000 party members will elect delegates to the Mapam conference scheduled for April. The attitude to the Cominform is the fundamental issue in the elections.

From election programmes circulated yesterday to party branches and from interviews with party leaders, it was apparent that all factions advocate support for the Soviet Bloc in international affairs. But it was also generally agreed that the Communist position on Zionism made it impossible for Mapam at this stage to instruct its members to accept Cominform discipline outright.

However, all groups regarded Russia's original support for Israel and the opening of the gates of satellite countries for emigrants to Israel as indications that the gap was being reduced.

No Differences

The left-wing faction, which comprises the majority of the present leadership, believes that there are no ideological differences between Communism and Mapam other than the Zionist question. Hence, they propose in effect that Mapam should take the Cominform line in all matters except those touching upon the Zionist issue.

In their published platform, they advocated "the promotion of friendly relations—in times of peace as well as in war — with the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies."

The moderate faction, however, points out other points of conflict stemming from the Zionist issue, such as the rights of Jewish communities to organize in East Europe.

They say that Mapam must keep "ideological as well as organizational" independence until the ingathering is completed. They are also unwilling to support the Cominform automatically in such issues as the split with Tito.

Compromise Policy

Mapam's present policy is a compromise one. The leadership was formed by agreement and not by election in January, 1948, when three workers' parties united to form Mapam. The agreement gave the left-wing faction, Hashomer Hazair, a 50 per cent voice in party rule, while Ahdut Avoda had 38 per cent, and Poalei Zion 12 per cent.

But the divisions within the party on the eve of elections now cut across these lines to some extent, as shown by the report of the 16-man platform committee formed three months ago. Three platforms were drafted by the group. Seven Hashomer Hazair members, together with Mr. Yitzhak Yitzhaki, representing part of Poalei Zion and Dr. Moshe Sneh, who is independent, put forward the most far-reaching programme. This group is said to be supported by a faction of Ahdut Avodah led by Aloof Yitzhak Sadeh and the Eliezer Preminger faction which went over to Mapam two years ago after they broke with the Israel Communists.

Six Ahdut Avodah members put forward another programme, while Mr. Moshe Erem, representing part of Poalei Zion, drafted his own programme which supported Ahdut Avodah on most issues, but differed with them on the question of the Arab minority.

Other Issues

In addition to the fundamental question of orientation, these are three other important issues:

1) The Leftists want to fight the Government until a labour domination is established, while the two moderate factions would be prepared to join the present coalition.
2) The Leftists, this time supported by Mr. Erem, want a bi-national party to include Arabs, while the Ahdut Avodah argue that Arab interests would be better served by an independent party federated with Mapam.
3) The Leftists, who expect a majority in the Mapam elections, want "democratic centralisation" which would mean that membership in the party would be personal and direct, while the two smaller groups want to retain the present system of party factions which would protect the minority groups.

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Abandon Neutrality Policy — Gen'l Zionists

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Israel should officially abandon its policy of non-identification since it has done so in practice since the Korean War, Mr. P. Bernstein, Knesset member and General Zionist spokesman, said at the Journalists' Association "Vocal Newspaper" here last night.

Mr. M. Argov, Knesset member (Mapai), called for a strengthening of the present line. Mr. Y. Bar Yehuda, Knesset member (Mapam), was unable to attend the meeting.

JORDAN CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil defence committees which are to be attached to Arab Legion headquarters have been set up in the Old City and Amman, "Palastin" reports.

Retaliation For Lock-out Expected

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Retaliatory measures to be taken by the Histadrut against the Manufacturers' Association's lock-out in the metal industry will be adopted by the Histadrut Executive Committee tomorrow.

The Histadrut Central Committee met here in emergency session today to discuss the steps to be taken. Representatives of the Trades Union Department and of the Secretariat of the Metallurgy Union attended the meeting.

Metal workshops belonging to the cooperative sector are not affected by the lock-out. The closure is now understood to be complete in the private sector.

No Government move in the metal dispute took place yesterday, it was reported here tonight. The first day of the lock-out was quiet, and there were no incidents.

U.S. Denies Soviet Charge on Formosa

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. asked the U.N. Political Committee yesterday to "dismiss promptly and decisively" Soviet charges of American aggression against Communist China.

Mr. Austin said it was completely untrue that there was a blockade of Formosa. Allegations that U.S. "monopolists" had committed economic aggression and had tried to exploit Formosa were a repetition "of the Soviet trick of the big lie."

Soviet delegate Semyon Tsarapkin declared that all remarks by the American delegate "about the alleged friendliness of the U.S. government towards China are hypocritical and false." American policy during the 19th and 20th centuries, he maintained, was nothing but "a policy of imperialist powers."

Mr. Tsarapkin denied American charges that the Soviet Union sought to control and dominate Manchuria. Relations between the Soviet government and the Chinese Peoples Republic were on "a friendly and equitable" basis, he declared.

ISRAEL NEEDS U.S. DOCTORS, NURSES

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA) —The Jewish Agency today announced the establishment of a medical personnel committee to answer all inquiries concerning openings in Israe for physicians and nurses wishing to settle there permanently or work there for a limited period.

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THE heads of all U.S. missions in this part of the world are to confer in Istanbul next week. The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Mr. McGhee, to represent the State Department itself.

ISTANBUL CONFERENCE

The main theme of last year's Istanbul conference was U.S. penetration of this area, so it will now be the need to consider M.E. defensive strategy and potentiality and more particularly those of Greece, Turkey and Iran, and how to secure a maximum of coordination for this purpose. It is not to be supposed that U.S. interest in this problem has lessened as the result of the reported agreement that in the event of war it is Britain and the Commonwealth countries, and not the U.S., who are to be entrusted with the military responsibility for this part of the world; certainly full cooperation between the two powers will be aimed at.

Although it is difficult to predict the course of the week's talks, it may be assumed that they will be directed toward achieving the streamlining of Arab defensive force, with particular attention for the sort of arrangement of which the Arab states' joint defence agreement is a precursor. While it is unlikely that anything as firm as Europe's Atlantic Pact will crystallize from such developments, it must not be forgotten that Arab arms come from the West. It may well be that the gravity of the position will cause the U.S. to exert pressure in order to ensure that for the time being all problems shall be considered only from the point of view of defence, and that all extraneous matters shall be firmly forced into the background. With the example of the Commonwealth Conference in London before their eyes, and the obstacle to Far Eastern defence offered by the Kashmir conflict, it seems not impossible that the U.S. will seek greater freedom of movement in the Middle East sector. If it were only for geographical reasons, Israel, in the heart of the area, would be bound to play an important role at the meeting, although Mr. Monnet Davies, the newly appointed U.S. Ambassador, will not have had time to do more than pay a brief visit before the conference opens. It may still be that, in preparing for possible war, the Middle East may find itself a step nearer peace.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Split on Foreign Policy

By Gerda Luft

THE second part of the Knesset's foreign policy debate consisted to a certain extent of arguments heard time and again during the recurrent East-West discussions in Parliaments throughout the world.

It was shown that for once the Government has gained the support on a vital issue of all parties on the benches to the right of Mapam, Herut and the General Zionists, on the whole, expressed opinions deviating only slightly from the Government's stand which, in essentials, was their own. In addition, Israel's unique viewpoint in the international conflict came to the fore. The Foreign Minister forcefully pointed out that Israel depends on the "open world" for its development.

We have come to accept the ultimate values of personal freedom as the chief determinants of one's stand in today's ideological world conflict. It was not contempt for these values which led us to relegate them to a second place. Israel will not be able to survive if the bonds which connect her to the outside world are severed. Our position in this respect cannot be compared with that of other small countries, all of whom are dependent on the great powers and none of whom are in a position to preserve neutrality. Israel supremely needs the immigration which is possible only with the aid of the "open world;" she is particulrly in need for aid from world Jewry, and especially with the powerful U.S. community. For Israel, ties with the open world mean the possibility for solving the problem of its mass immigration.

Mr. Sharett struck a powerful chord when he defended the Government's policy and the U.N. delegation activities at Lake Success on the grounds of "open doors" rather than on an interminably debatable ideological grounds. Israel's practical position in the world-dispute between East and West cannot be ignored by anyone concerned with the stand the state should take.

The very fact that the greatest source of help for Israel is to be found abroad, and especially in America, must play a decisive role. So must the awareness that Russian Jewry has been cut off from Israel since the October resolution. Whoever pleads for the alignment of Israel with the "closed" world must first show how Israel is to survive even for a short time if unable to communicate with the West.

Mapam Defeat

The resolution adopted by the House after the debate endorses the Government policy and leaves things much as they were, in that it upholds the "non-identification" principle. There can be no doubt, however, that the second part of the debate, not only focused the argument on Israel's special practical position, but moved us a step closer to the Western Camp.

This was proven not only by the Foreign Minister's reasoning, but also by the decisive defeat of Mapam in the final vote.

Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	50	2	13	13
Lydda Airport	74	5	20	21
Jerusalem	62	7	14	15
Beersheba	35	-5	19	20

FORECAST: Mainly cloudy with light rain around noon.
*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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37 new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in December as compared with 54 in November. In the last quarter of 1950, 666 cases of scarlet fever were reported as compared with 195 cases in the corresponding period in 1949.

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Fire caused IL.2,000 damage in the Bat Yam **ma'abara** on Thursday night when an oil lamp overturned and razed a hut. ..... A **primus** stove exploded and injured Lea Bakar, 34, of Kfar Salame, on Thursday evening when she tried to put it out with water.

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Imports into Israel for the January-November period totalled IL.90.4m. Exports during the same period amounted to IL.11.4 m.

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Jewellery worth IL.5,800 and IL.360 in cash were stolen by "cat" burglars on Friday evening from the second-floor flat of Mr. Arie Borman, 62 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, in Tel Aviv. ..... **Three youths** aged 16 were arrested on Friday in connection with the robbery of IL.250 in cash and goods worth IL.200 from S. Bass's grocery at 1 Rehov Knesset, Tel Aviv.

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The monthly sale of property handed in to police stations in the Tel Aviv area will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the Rehov Dizengoff police station.

IL.1m. Warburg Fund For Immigrant Housing

A $500,000 gift for the purchase of building materials abroad to build immigrant housing has been made by Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg, widow of Mr. Felix M. Warburg, of New York. The money has been handed in trust to the Palestine Economic Corporation.

The Government has agreed to contribute about IL.650,000, towards the establishment of a IL.1m. "Warburg Fund" to provide houses for 1,000 immigrant families in rural and semi-rural areas. The Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions in Palestine, Ltd., and the Mortgage and Savings Bank Ltd are together contributing IL.120,000.

The Fund will be administered by a committee comprising representatives of the Government, the P.E.C., and the two banks.

Education Ministry Clerks Strike

About 120 clerks in the Ministry of Education in Jerusalem went on strike on Friday in protest because the Ministry had not adjusted their gradings. The strike is expected to continue today and tomorrow. It was not authorized by the Labour Council.

Widow Jailed for Trying To Kill Sixth Child

HAIFA, Saturday. — For allegedly attempting to kill her day-old baby, a 27-year-old widow of Shafr Amr, and mother of five children, was remanded for 15 days by the Haifa Magistrate yesterday.

The widow bore her sixth child on January 31 in the fields near the village without medical help. It is claimed that she dug a hole and buried the baby's body, but did not have the heart to cover the head, merely placing a piece of paper over it.

Several hours later, a pupil of the village school crossing the field heard cries and discovered the child. It was taken to the Sick Fund clinic. The police identified the mother, who confessed. She said she had to support her five children by working in private houses in Kfar Ata. She refused to disclose the name of the baby's father.

The police are reportedly prepared to release the woman on bail, but so far no person has been found who is willing to put up the money.

Searching the widow's house, the police found her sister-in-law who had infiltrated from the Lebanon. She was deported.

3 Bandits Shot

Three of seven marauders, who stole seven cows in the Sharon on Friday night, were killed in a skirmish with police. Three cows were retrieved and automatic weapons and burglary equipment were found.

JORDAN CLAIMS SHOOTINGS

The Jordan delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission recently charged that Israel soldiers had fired upon Arabs working in the fields of the Latrun convent, according to yesterday's "Falastin." In their complaint to the M.A.C. chairman, Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, they claimed that this and other recent violations "were part of a military plan" and that Israel should be given a stern warning.

4 Returned After Crossing Border

Four Jews who crossed into the Lebanon were turned over to Israel authorities on Thursday at a meeting of the Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission at Nakura. All four had been sentenced to prison terms by a Lebanese court, and are to be brought before an Israel tribunal.

The general problem of infiltration was brought up in connection with the repatriation during the past two weeks of 190 infiltrators to the Lebanon.

The Lebanese delegation thanked the Assistant District Superintendent of the Tiberias area, Mr. Zvi Rudin, for his efforts in keeping order on both sides of the border.

B.O.A.C. Jet Planes To Stop in Mid-East

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The B.O.A.C. jet-engined Comet aircraft, which will begin its London-Calcutta passenger run toward the end of the summer, will make a refuelling call at a Middle East airport, but Sir Frank Whittle, jet engine inventor, declined to say which airport he thought would be chosen.

At a cocktail party held for him by El Al here yesterday, he said that the planned improvements to Lydda Airport would make it capable of use by jet-engined passenger planes. The reception was attended by senior Israel Air Force officers, aviation experts and foreign military and air attaches.

Geneva Banknote Rates

The following were Geneva banknote quotations in Swiss francs on Jan. 30:

United States (dollar)	4.29
Great Britain (pound)	10.50
France (100 fr.)	1.11
West. Germany (100 mk.)	74.00
Belgium (100 fr.)	8.31
Holland (100 guilden)	101.00
Sweden (100 kronor)	68.50
Italy (100 lire)	0.57
Austria (100 sch.)	13.50
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.00
Denmark (100 kr.)	44.00
Norway (100 kr.)	42.50
Egypt (Eg. pound)	10.35
Israel (Isr. pound)	5.25
Palestine (Pal. pound)	7.75
Spain (100 pesetas)	8.10
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.50
Argentina (100 pesos)	24.75
Brazil (100 cruseiros)	13.90
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.12

FATHER, SON HELD FOR PASSING FORGED NOTES

Moshe Aharoni, 60, and his son Gershon were brought before the Magistrate's Court in Jerusalem on Friday and charged with having attempted to deposit several allegedly counterfeit banknotes in a local bank. The son was remanded for 10 days, and the father for 7.

J'LEM HAPOEL WIN

Jerusalem Hapoel won both parts of a championship volley-ball game played against Palnach Zuba at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem yesterday. The scores were 14-6 and 15-4.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

STATE CUP: SEMI FINALS:—Ramat Gan Hap., 2, Haifa Hap. 2

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FOURTH TEST MATCH

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, called on President Weizmann in Rehovot on Friday.

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Mr. Eliahu Elath, Israel Minister to Great Britain, is due to return to London today after a week's visit to Tel Aviv. Mr. Elath was the luncheon guest of President and Mrs. Weizmann before his departure.

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Dr. Pablo Manguel, Argentine Minister to Israel, returned to Tel Aviv on Friday after a short visit to Argentina.

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Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, received Mr. R. A. Gibson, the U.S. Consul-General in Jerusalem, and the Rt. Rev. Boulos Gelf, Vicar of the Syrian Church, on Friday.

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Mr. G. Blanquist, U.S. aviation expert, has arrived in Israel on a month's visit. Mr. Blanquist is aviation adviser to El Al in New York.

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Mr. J. Lion has relinquished his post as Traffic Manager, Ministry of Defence. Mr. Lion has been appointed attorney and agent of the Nieuw Rotterdam Insurance Agency Co. Ltd., Rotterdam, Holland, for Haifa and the Northern district of Israel. He was also appointed the agent of Messrs. "Palbit" Insurance Agency Ltd., Tel Aviv, for the same area.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. GOMBAROV

The death took place at the age of 74 in Jerusalem yesterday of Mrs. J. Gombarov. The funeral will take place today, February 4, starting from the Bikur Holim Hospital at 2.30 p.m. She is survived by her son, Abraham, and her daughter, Emma Ehrlich.

DOV ROSEN

The death took place on Friday in Jerusalem of Dov Rosen, the commander of the Civil Guard during the siege. He was 33. The funeral will leave at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem. During World War II, he served in the Jewish Brigade. He is survived by his wife, Menuha.

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Points from Letters

TRAFFIC LIGHTS. — Since the opening of the Tel Aviv-Nathanya Road and the introduction of new bus connections from the north of Tel Aviv to Ramat Gan, Petah Tikvah etc., it is almost impossible to cross Dizengoff Rd. Is there no hope for traffic lights and a few traffic islands at salient points to help pedestrians and reduce the number of accidents?
Tel Aviv, Jan. 21. **Joseph Erwin**

THE AFTERMATH of the Jerusalem elections are as tumultuous as the pre-election period. It is about time the members of the Municipal Council stopped discrediting each other and got started on some work.
Jerusalem, Jan. 24. **Hgary Marcus**

MORE FISH! — Now that our meat ration is so irregular couldn't we have Moroccan fish again? The halibut and cod which were on the market some time ago were also a great boon to the housewife. **R. Stern**

TREES. — We have been told for years that our cities need more trees. Why then was a nursery man in the Street of the Prophets allowed to fell some of the most beautiful trees in the neighbourhood. This particular spot was one of the most pleasing in our city and now it is practically barren.
Jerusalem. **Marcella Segre**

PRIMUS EDUCATION. — There are constant news items about fatalities due to primus explosions. Would it not be a good idea to instruct the public on how to use primuses properly.
N.B. Kisschner

NEGLECT. — In the Pardess Hanna "B" Camp a small child fell into a W.C. pit because the concrete surrounding the pit was badly broken. She was hauled out only because someone happened to pass by and hear her cries. Why can't some effort be made to organize committees to care for the welfare of the inhabitants?
Pardess Hanna. **Alfred Isy**

CINEMA DISTURBANCE. — A large group of youngsters attended a film performance of "Henry V," obviously attracted by the previous week's trailer which advertised a big "udrub" (battle). Ten minutes of the film proved too much for them and they began to shout, whistle explode popcorn bags, etc. They had a wonderful time but for the rest of the audience the evening was torture. **J. Nafshi**

Cables in Brief

THE PERONISTS (Argentine Government party) have won the provincial elections in Mendoza, but figures today showed a swing in favour of the opposition Radicals.

PRAGUE State Court has sentenced a group of Roman Catholic priests to prison terms ranging from three to 13 years for high treason and espionage, it was officially announced yesterday.

VLADIMIR CLEMENTIS, former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister who was later given a post in the Czechoslovak State Bank, has been absent from his office in the bank since Monday, according to reliable reports yesterday. His absence has given rise to widespread but unconfirmed rumours that he may have escaped the country.

EXPLOSIONS ripping through an oil tankers killed seven Greek seamen in Swansea on Friday. Seven other crew members were injured and taken to hospital. A second blast injured six firemen trying to quell the flames.

SANK. — The 3,211-ton Panamanian freighter Samaria suddenly listed and sank in 20 minutes in Genoa harbour on Friday. Her crew escaped. She had arrived from Haifa for repairs.

SWEDEN yesterday refused a request by the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm to hand over to the captain of the Russian passenger steamer, "Belgostrov," a 48-year-old Polish glassblower, Koschko, who fled from the vessel when she berthed in Stockholm two days ago.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 522 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 8, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 10.15 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.; **Turkish:** 10 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Reveille. **6.35** Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock (R). **7.15** Melodies (R). **7.45** Oriental Music: R. Amar. **8.30** Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music (R). **11.00** Musical Calendar (R). **12.00** N. Break for Music (R). **12.30** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45** Housewives' Corner. **2.15** Service from the Greek Catholic Church, Haifa.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. **4.30** Dance Music (R). **4.45** Vocal Recital: Itzhak Katz. **5.00** Andre Kostellanetz & his Orchestra (R). **5.30** Film Review. **5.45** Musical Programme Announcements. **6.15** Messages from Immigrants. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** Agricultural Corner. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30** Commentaries. **8.45** "The Citizen Wants to Know..." **9.00** Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Bronislav Schulz. Soloist: Natalie Kachouk: Overture "Ivan Susanin" (Glinka); Aria from "Eugen Onegin" (Tchaikowsky); "Khovanschtchina" (Moussorgsky); "The Snow Maiden" (Rimsky Korsakov); Fantasy "Dybuk" (Schulz). **9.45** "From the World of Music." **10.30** "On a Desert Island." **11.15** Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. **Yiddish:** 7.20 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.40 p.m. **French:** 8.00 p.m. **Rumanian:** 8.15 p.m. **Hungarian.**

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.00 M. Newsreel. 12.15 "Personal Column:" by W. Eytan. 12.30 "The Adventures of Ronnie & Anita:" by D. Landman.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.33 News Talk. 6.43 Programme Parade. 6.48 Music.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 224 and 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Variety. 7.00 Land Forces Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Sports. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 Hebrew Folk Dances. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

Entertainments

JERUSALEM

Cinemas at 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
EDEN: The Reformer and the Redhead. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Mr Foolish Heart.
GRIGON: Il Trovadore.
STUDIO: A Letter from an Unknown Woman.
ZION: The Heiress.

TEL AVIV

7.20 & 9.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal." Li-La-Lo Theatre; Yasha Haifets Hall.
8 p.m.: "Tartuffe:" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Alba, Zion Square, 3703; Mekor Baruch, Rehov Tahkemoni, 2994. **TEL AVIV and DISTRICT:** British, 17 Allenby, 4553; Sheinkin, 28 Sheinkin, 3753; Fleradorf, 27 Nahlat Binyamin, 4088; Callender, 76 Ariosoroff; Noga, 3 28at St., Jaffa; Herzl, 54 Herzl, Ramat Gan; Briut, 7 Byrkin, Givatayim. **HAIFA:** Habriut, 55 Herzl, 4963; Mashiach, Iraq opp. Hadar Cinema, 3056; Shomron, Kiryat Motzkin, 7202.

MUSICAL DIARY

DANTE has inspired numerous musical works, but anything else was heard in Tuesday night's Kol Israel concert, when Karel Salomon conducted an Italian and Israel programme sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society. Mr. Salomon's adaptation of Corelli's "La Follia" for piano (soloist G. Jarecki) and strings seemed less attractive than, say, Kreisler's violin-transcription of the same work. More engaging were Salamone Rossi-Ebreo's Dance Suite and the contemporary Respighi Suite of Old Italian Songs and dances. Besides E. W. Sternberg's well-known "Story of Joseph," there was another composition by prolific Karel Salomon: "Nigun" (Aria) for violin and orchestra. The work cannot be compared with the melody and passion of Bloch's famous "Nigun," but Peggy Hayman's reading of it was beautiful and animated.

Bell of Paris

VERONICA Bell's manner and her Dubarry toilette led one to believe that she would open her Wednesday performance in Jerusalem with a *berceuette* rather than with Chopin songs and a Puccini aria. The charming diseuse, however, did better with Delibes' "Les Filles de Cadix," revealing a clear and bell-like piano. Her coloratura was not sufficient for Johann Strauss' Waltzes, but her sweetness conquered again in "Hindele Mendele" by Niewiadomski and in Gebirtig's "Kinder Yurn." Her other chansons were all well articulated, and sung with a transparency and gaiety that made one feel that "Paris is still Paris." Gunter Sternberg was not only an excellent accompanist. His renditions of Bach works, especially Addagio and Fugue in G minor, and Vivaldi-Bach's Concerto in A minor, were astonishingly, even entertainingly.

Later, in the Busoni adaptations, the artist's talents seemed even more creative. Bach's spiritual and Busoni's keyboard eloquence received an harmonious interpretation, and the two choral preludes received a truly moving rendition. *Mo.*

The Young Bach Player

THE 18-year-old pianist, David Singer, dedicated his whole concert at the Museum on Monday to the works of Bach. This tasteful concentration and intelligent modesty revealed most clearly the artist's interesting capacities, among them an instinctive, almost unconscious comprehension of the spiritual and technical complexities of the composer. Singer is not yet a captivating virtuoso. Nonetheless, he played the Goldberg Variations lucidly: Apparently in love with their formal and mathematical aspects, he performed *FRANGO*

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